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**VIA CMF AND HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.  
 United States District Court  
 for the District of Delaware  
 844 King Street  
 Wilmington, DE 19801

**Re: Magten Asset Management Corp. (In re: NorthWestern Corporation)**

Your Honor:

As Your Honor may be aware, Magten Asset Management Corporation ("Magten") is currently before the Court as a party to numerous appeals and other actions arising from, or related to, the chapter 11 case of NorthWestern Corporation ("NorthWestern"). Together with the law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, we serve as co-counsel to Magten in a number of the appeals and other actions currently pending before the Court. For the Court's convenience, we have summarized in the attached chart (Exhibit A) a complete listing of all matters before the Court that involve NorthWestern and Magten or Law Debenture Trust Company of New York. For each matter listed, the chart briefly summarizes the current status of the proceeding and lists the counsel representing each party.<sup>1</sup>

In the interest of lessening the burden of these matters on the Court's docket, Magten respectfully suggests that the Court turn first to those matters that would obviate the need to consider others. For example, Magten is of the view that depending upon the Court's decision on the issues raised by Appeal 05-0209 – for which briefing has recently been completed – the need to consider all of the remaining issues on appeal will be obviated.

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<sup>1</sup> As indicated by the attached chart, there are six appeals and three ongoing litigation matters currently pending before this Court.



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Because counsel for the other parties may have their own views as to how to best achieve efficiency from the organization and prioritization of the pending matters, we respectfully request that the Court conduct a scheduling conference for the purpose of discussing an appropriate plan of action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Bonnie Glantz Fatell".

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